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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UR, US

SUBJECT: MFA REPLY ON USN CREW DOWNED IN 1950 IN BALTIC

REF: STATE 004008, MOSCOW 0346

1. EMBASSY FEB 17 RECEIVED MFA NOTE NO. 16 REPLYING TO OUR REQUEST TRANSMITTED BY NOTE JAN 8 FOR INFORMATION OF ANY KIND ON CREW MEMBERS OF U.S. AIRCRAFT WHICH WENT DOWN OVER THE BALTIC IN 1950 (REFTELS). TEXT, AS TRANSLATED BY US, IS AS FOLLOWS:  
BEGIN TEXT:

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGAIN CONFIRMS, AS WAS ALREADY STATED IN THE MINISTRY'S NOTES NO 79/OSA OF AUGUST 13, 1956 AND NO. KU-63 OF JANUARY 14, 1974, THAT NO AMERICAN CITIZEN FROM AMONG THE PERSONNEL OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE WERE FOUND ON THE TERRITORY OF THE SOVIET UNION.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY IS DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT A RETURN TO THIS QUESTION CAN SERVE NO USEFUL GOAL. THE VARIOUS SORTS OF RUMORS REFERRED TO IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE ARE COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED, AND, AS SHOULD BE CLEAR, ARE BEING CIRCULATED  
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WITH AIMS WHICH DO NOT SERVE THE INTERESTS OF A DEVELOP-

MENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

MOSCOW, FEBRUARY 16, 1976

END TEXT.

2. COMMENT. AS NOTED IN SECOND REFTTEL, IN PASSING OUR  
NOTE TO MFA WE STRESSED ORALLY THAT WE WERE REQUESTING  
NOTHING MORE THAN "ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION" OF ANY  
KIND THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE ON THE FATE  
OF THE CREW. THE ABOVE REPLY IS MORE ACERBIC THAN  
MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED.  
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